

1. Free World Communists scheduled to attend Communist training schools in Bloc countries obviously do not give this reason for their travel when obtaining passports.

2. Reasons given for travel abroad may include vacations, desire for travel, medical treatment, study in regular academic institutions, collection of information for a book, visits to friends to attend a "festival", etc.

3. It is not even necessary to obtain a passport valid for travel in the Bloc area. Anyone with a passport valid for travel in Western European countries can, for example, leave from Zurich for Prague. So long as a passport is valid for Switzerland, Swiss authorities are not concerned where a foreigner goes next or whether his passport may preclude travel to some other area. This situation applies in other Western European countries.

4. Berlin affords a particularly easy access to the Bloc area. Visitors to West Berlin have merely to cross into East Berlin. No exit or entrance stamps are required and there is no record of the crossing.

5. For travel into the Bloc, passports need not reflect either visas or entrance and exit stamps. Often Bloc countries provide visas on chits -- or loose slips of paper -- which can be inserted into the passport and removed when the individual leaves the Bloc area. Entrance and exit stamps are sometimes made on these chits.

6. Thus, for some individuals whose stay in the Bloc is to be covered up and who do not stay for any long period of time, it is possible that this fact could be deduced from a study of the passport: the period of time from the exit stamp given when he left a Free World country to the date on which an entrance

stamp is put on when he next appears in another Free World country would indicate the period of time spent in the Bloc. This could be as long as several months, but unless someone carefully studied the passport, this "lost time" would not be readily evident. No proof would exist, however, that he was in the Bloc.

7. For some persons wishing to hide their stay in the Bloc for a much longer period of time (one or more years, for instance), there is reason to believe that forged entrance and exit stamps have sometimes been put on passports, or that the passports have been utilized by someone else in order to obtain entrance and exit stamps which would show that the individual had been traveling and/or staying in other areas.

8. The majority of Free World Communists attending Communist training schools in the Bloc, however, probably have valid passports for extended stays in the Bloc area.